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## **PUBLIC PROPERTY & HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Markesan City Hall

**March 2, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

### **AGENDA**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Citizen's Comments

Public Works Report

New Business

- Discussion and Action on Acting on WMCA Resolution 2021-1; Requesting Clerks, their Staff and Poll Workers be included in Vaccination Group 1B for COVID-19

Old Business

- Discussion and Action on 650 N Margaret Street Property Update

Adjournment

A quorum of the Markesan Common Council may be in attendance at this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision making responsibility. Under Wisconsin Open Meeting Law, this may constitute a meeting of the Common Council pursuant to the Badtke Decision, however, the Council will not take action at this meeting.

Any person requiring special assistance to participate in this meeting should contact the Clerk-Treasurer at 398-3031 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so appropriate accommodations can be made.

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Dated March 1, 2021  
Elizabeth Amend, Clerk-Treasurer

Friday, February 12, 2021

Message from President Helgeson:

All of us are gearing up for the election next week, but I want to take a moment and bring some important news to you. Monday, the WMCA Board held a virtual meeting and voted unanimously to advocate on behalf of all Clerks, Clerk staff and Election Day Poll Workers to be included in group 1B for the Covid Vaccine. A few of our own WMCA members stepped up to get some great literature together.

*(Click on the underlined statements.)* [First, is the resolution the board passed](#), [second is the accompanying press release](#). What was done with this information? Every major media outlet across Wisconsin has both of these attachments. That includes every TV Station in Superior, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Green Bay and Wausau. Additionally, the major newspapers in these same cities, and a few others, have also received them.

Public Health Department (all 72 in Wisconsin) will be sent this same information by the end of the week. It has already been sent to the Governor's office and the Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (the committee that determines who is in which group).

Now that you have this information, what's the next step? Share it with your board, your community, your local newspapers and keep the message going. Having your board or council act in favor of this and sending it to the state would keep the momentum we are building going. Sending that information to local media outlets is key to stay in the discussion.

We understand not everyone may want to get a vaccine, and that is noted in the resolution specifically. What's important to us though, is that everyone who wants one is able to get one as soon as possible. This is even more urgent given we have a rather large election in April.

If you have questions, please direct them to myself or Past President Chris Astrella, we are happy to help. We hope all of you, your friends and families are safe (and warm!) given everything that's been going on. We know some of you have had Covid, some of you have lost loved ones to it and yet here we are still doing our duty getting ready for a fourth, fifth or sixth pandemic election. You all are the true embodiment of what a Professional is. We will get through this together.

Keep smiling!

Wendy

Wendy Helgeson WCMC  
WMCA 2020-2021 President

**WMCA Resolution  
2021-1**

**Requesting Clerks, their staff and poll workers be included in vaccination group 1B  
for the Covid-19 Vaccination**

**WHEREAS**, Professional Municipal Clerks have a time-honored tradition of being trustworthy, dedicated and honorable public servants dating back to the days of George Washington; and,

**WHEREAS**, Clerks and their staff have been deemed essential employees as of Governor Tony Evers' safer at home order effective March 25, 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Clerks, their staff and poll workers administered between three and five elections during the pandemic that began in March of 2020, many without adequate personal protective equipment, proper infection control training, a shortage of trained poll workers and putting themselves and their poll workers at increased risk to catch Covid-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, it would have been impossible for Clerks to properly administer every election in 2020 without the veteran poll workers, new poll workers and members of the Wisconsin National Guard who stepped up to answer the highest calling a democracy has; and,

**WHEREAS**, Clerks and their staffs are still performing their day-to-day duties and responsibilities despite the increase in community spread of Covid-19 across the United States; and,


**WHEREAS**, Clerks, their staff and poll workers continue to be essential employees not only in the eyes of state government, but to their communities and the fabric of local government; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are two elections quickly approaching in the 2021 Election Cycle; and,

**WHEREAS**, by vaccinating Clerks, their staff and poll workers in Wisconsin, more municipal buildings would be able to open in Wisconsin bringing more of a sense of normalcy back to the citizens of our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association hereby requests all Professional Municipal Clerks, members of their staff and poll workers in Wisconsin be included in vaccination group 1B for the Covid-19 vaccine so that any member of these groups who wish to get a vaccine may do so.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

  
Wendy Helgeson, WCMC  
President





**PRESS RELEASE: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association Board of Directors Requests Clerks and their staff and poll workers become a part of Covid-19 Vaccine Group 1B**

For Immediate Release

At its Board meeting on February 8, 2021 the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA) Board of Directors voted to request all Clerks, their staff and poll workers be included in Covid-19 Vaccine Group 1B. During the final week of January, the Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee did not include Municipal Clerks, members of the Clerk's Department or Election Day poll workers in Group 1B along with other public facing government employees.

While 2020 was a difficult year for everyone, it was particularly difficult for Municipal Clerks, staff and poll workers. Clerks across Wisconsin administered between three and five elections while facing shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE), trained poll workers and infection control training. These hurdles put their lives, and the lives of their poll workers at risk while answering the highest calling a democracy has: administering an election.

Additionally, with so many trained poll workers not being able to work due to age, co-morbidities or not wanting to put their lives at risk, Clerks put calls out to the community to replace those poll workers. Even members of the Wisconsin National Guard were deployed to multiple polling sites across Wisconsin to help handle the shortage. While the community and National Guard response was incredible, we need to prepare for the upcoming February and April elections by having as many poll workers as possible vaccinated so as not to experience another shortage.

Professional Municipal Clerks are the most public-facing public employees in Wisconsin. They respond to resident requests, contact vendors, inform the public about policies, administer ordinances and are usually the first point of contact for anyone contacting their municipality. Whether it is a part-time Clerk working out of their home, or a full-time Clerk working out of their municipal building, Clerks and their staff members across Wisconsin embody what a professional is. Without these valuable employees performing their duties, municipal government could grind to a halt.

Association President, Wendy Helgeson, echoes the thoughts of the Board: "It's imperative for Clerks, staff members and poll workers to get vaccinated as quickly as possible, if they choose to. With two more elections in 2021 fast approaching, the time is now for my colleagues, and poll workers, to get vaccinated with group 1B. We look forward to working with all 72 County Departments of Public Health as well as the State Department of Health Services to ensure these vital positions in local government have the ability to get vaccinated with our fellow local government employees in Police, Fire, Public Works, Utilities and elsewhere."

The Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association was formed in 1980 and represents the majority of the 2100 Clerks and Deputy Clerks across Wisconsin. The purpose of the Association is to improve the administration of local government, by providing Clerks, Deputies and those that perform similar duties with the skills, knowledge and education to excel in their positions.

If you have questions, please contact the WMCA COVID-19 Task Force Lead and Oakland Clerk/Treasurer Chris Astrella at 608.423.9635 or at [townhall@oaklandtown.com](mailto:townhall@oaklandtown.com).

Leonard and Isabelle Wilsnack Living Trust  
c/o Connie Wilsnack, Trustee  
N1612 Goose Pond Road.  
Arlington, WI 53911

March 2, 2021

City of Markesan Common Council  
c/o Betsy Amend, Clerk-Treasurer  
150 S. Bridge Street  
P.O. Box 352  
Markesan, WI 53946

RE: 650 N. Margaret Street – March 2, 2021 Update; Maintenance Plan

Dear Property Committee:

Below, please find a progress report concerning maintenance activities at the 650 N. Margaret Street property.

**Progress Report**

**Completed work February 2021**

- Metal roofing installed on garage

**In Progress March 2021**

- Pole shed truss repair by renter Steve Moderow still needs to be done
- Will hire this done if not completed by renter, have received quote from a contractor
- Windows on garage

Please contact me at 608-577-7210 with any questions.

Sincerely,  
Connie Wilsnack